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SUBJECT: JAPANESE USE OF WASTEPAPER IMPORTED FROM U. S.

REF: A. STATE 111402; B. TOKYO 7441; C. STATE 120246

SUMMARY: PROVIDES INFO REQUESTED RE WASTEPAPER. END SUMMARY.

1. RE PARA 2- A REF A, WASTEPAPER REPROCESSING PLANT SYSTEM MOST COMMONLY USED IN JAPAN CONSISTS OF: PULPER, CLEANER (SINGLE OR DOUBLE), REFINER, PRESSURE SCREEN, FLOATING LAYER SEPARATOR, EXTRACTOR OR FILTER, WASHER, BLEACHER (IF NEEDED).

2. RE PARA 2- C REF A, NO SUCH STUDIES HAVE BEEN PUBLISHED IN JAPAN. EMBASSY HAS SECURED ANALYSIS OF PRODUCTION COSTS OF ONE OF LEADING PAPER MILLS IN JAPAN, COMPARING USE OF WOOD CHIPS AND WASTE PAPER, AS FOLLOWS:

	BLEACHED	BLEACHED DE- INKED	
A. COST	HARD WOOD PULP	CHEMICAL PULP	REMARKS

(UNIT: YEN PER KILOGRAM)

WOOD	30.30	WITH HANDLING
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COST

PRINTED FINE PAPER	-	21.17 WITH HANDLING COST
CHEMICALS	4.80	8.16
FUEL	0.70	0.10
POWER	0.68	0.68
WATER	2.69	2.33 WITH EFFLUENT TREATMENT
WAGES	3.50	0.35
DEPRECIATION	5.00	1.45
OTHERS	3.25	2.73
TOTAL	20.92	36.97

B. NOTES RE ABOVE TABLE: RAW MATERIAL COST: 10,100 YEN PER CUBIC METER OF WOOD; 18 YEN PER KILOGRAM OF WASTE PRINTED FINE PAPER. RAW MATERIAL CONSUMPTION RATE: ONE METRIC TON PER THREE CUBIC METERS OF NON- CONIFER BLEACHED KRAFT PULP. COSTS ARE CALCULATED AT THE WET END (I. E. UP TO BUT NOT INCLUDING DRYING PROCESS).

	BLEACHED HARD WOOD PULP	BLEACHED DE- INKED CHEMICAL PULP	REMARKS
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(UNIT: YEN PER KILOGRAM)

WOOD	24.28	-	WITH HANDLING COST
WASTE NEWSPAPER	-	20.76	
CHEMICALS	3.98	7.84	
FUEL	0.15	0.10	
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POWER	2.02	0.62
WATER	2.14	2.23 WITH EFFLUENT TREATMENT
WAGES	3.17	0.34

DEPRECIATION	2.88	1.40
OTHERS	2.27	2.43
TOTAL	40.89	35.22

D. NOTES RE ABOVE TABLE: RAW MATERIAL COST: 11,000 YEN PER CUBIC METER OF WOOD; 18 YEN PER KILOGRAM OF WASTE NEWSPAPER. RAW MATERIAL CONSUMPTION RATE: ONE METRIC TON OF BLEACHED GROUND PULP PER TWO CUBIC METERS OF WOOD. COSTS ARE CALCULATED AT THE WET END (I. E., UP TO BUT NOT INCLUDING DRYING PROCESS).

3. RE PARA 2- D REF A, FOLLOWING TABLE PROVIDES DATA ON UTILIZATION OF WASTE PAPER AND PAPERBOARD BY ITEM:

A. ITEM	USAGE	MAXIMUM MIXTURE RATIO (PERCENT)
BLEACHED BRISTOLS	SUBSTITUTE FOR CONIFER OR NON- CONIFER PULP	30
WHITE BOARD, INCLUD- ING MANILA BOARD	SUBSTITUTE FOR CONIFER OR NON- CONIFER PULP	20
SP PRINTING PAPER	SUBSTITUTE FOR CONIFER PULP	20
UNBLEACHED KRAFT PAPER	PAPERBOARD MAKING	50
MEDIUM GRADE PRINT- ING PAPER	NEWSPRINT MAKING	15
NEWSPAPER	PAPERBOARD CORE MAKING	30
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MAGAZINES, EXCLUDING COVERS	PAPERBOARD CORE MAKING	30
CORRUGATED BOARD	PAPERBOARD OR LOW GRADE/ LINER FOR CORRUGATED BOARD MAKING	30
OTHERS	PAPERBOARD CORE MAKING	10

B. SOURCE: JUJO PAPER COMPANY, LTD., ONE OF THE LEADING PAPER MILLS IN JAPAN.

4. EMBASSY FORWARDING BROCHURE AND POSTER VIA AIR POUCH.

5. RE PARA 1, REF C, EMBASSY MET WITH LEADING PAPER MAKER, LEADING IMPORTER, DISCUSSED EXTENT OF IMPORTANCE OF FREIGHT RATES AS IMPEDIMENT TO ADDITIONAL JAPNESE IMPORTS OF U. S. WASTE PAPER. MAKER AGREED TO PUT VIEWS IN LETTER TO EMBASSY. IMPORTER AGREED TO ATTEMPT OBTAIN AND FORWARD TO EMBASSY SIMILAR LETTERS FROM CUSTOMERS (USERS OF WASTE PAPER) INDICATING ADDITIONAL PURCHASES THAT WOULD FOLLOW LOWER FREIGHT RATES. BOTH FIRMS BELIEVED LOWER FREIGHT RATES OF LONG- TERM IMPORTANCE, ALTHOUGH QUESTIONS OF CURRENT U. S. SUPPLY SITUATION ALSO SIGNIFICANT. EMBASSY WILL FORWARD LETTERS AS RECEIVED VIA AIR POUCH. INGERSOLL

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